

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

***Concerning the Sequence Listing***

Fresh written and computer-readable copies of the sequence listing have been provided.

The sequence listing has been amended to replace "Artificial/Unknown" with "Artificial Sequence" for the entries at line <213> for SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID NO: 3.

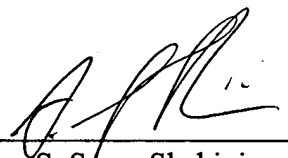
As stated above, the written copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith includes no new matter and the information recorded in computer-readable form is identical to the written sequence listing and includes no new matter.

An Associate Power of Attorney or Agent (37 CFR 1.34) is also submitted herewith naming S. Serge Shahinian (Reg. No. 52,533) as an associate agent in respect of this application.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments and timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

By



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